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To: Each Supervisor

From: Dave Lambertson
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Subject: **ELECTRICAL OUTAGE- DOWNTOWN CENTRAL HEATING PLANT**

This is to inform you of an electrical problem at the downtown Central Heating Plant.

Today, there was an electrical explosion related to the 13,800 volt electrical feeder line between the plant's power generator and the main switchgear feeding the Department of Water & Power (DWP). As a precautionary measure, the fire department was called by ISD. They responded and there are no safety related issues. There were also no injuries to personnel.

As a result of this electrical failure, the plant's jet engine is down and we are not producing power for revenue. However, despite the lower plant capacity, boilers are up and running as well as refrigeration units. We have had no complaints in any of the downtown buildings. Because of the cool weather, I see no problems maintaining a comfortable environment in the near term.

The cause of the problem is not known at this time. We are in the process of procuring a high voltage contractor to assess and repair the damaged line. I will keep you informed of any further issues and provide a timeline after an assessment by the vendor is made.

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c: David E. Janssen
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ISD Board Deputies